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For: **METHOD FOR TREATING RAW WATER CONTAINING HARDLY DECOMPOSABLE SUBSTANCE**

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DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

We, Takahiro Kawabata and Hideo Miyamoto, declare that:

1. We are currently employed at Idemitsu Kosan Co., Ltd., the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the above-captioned application.
2. We are co-inventors of the subject matter claimed in Suzuki et al. WO 2004/067453 which corresponds to EP 1 591 422 which was cited against the above-identified application in the Office Action mailed February 18, 2010.
3. We have reviewed the above-identified application and the Office Action dated February 18, 2010. While we are co-inventors of the subject matter claimed in Suzuki WO '453, we are not inventors of the subject matter claimed in the above-identified application.
4. Unlike Takahisa Muramoto, Masashi Machida, and Shingo Ogoshi who are

named as inventors both in Suzuki WO '453 and in the above-identified application, we were not involved with any discovery or development of the subject matter claimed in the above-identified application. All possibly relevant portions of Suzuki WO '453, originated with, or were obtained from, the inventors of the above-identified application.

5. The only other inventor of Suzuki WO '453 who is not named as an inventor in the above-identified application, is Motoshi Suzuki. We understand that Motoshi Suzuki is deceased, so he cannot join or sign this Declaration.

6. All statements made herein of our knowledge are true and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patents issued thereon.

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